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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. McCone:

At the urgent request of the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, the Department of State proposes the production, at the earliest possible moment, of a Special National Intelligence Estimate on the current crisis in Ghana.

We should like to include in the terms of reference the following questions:

- 1) How strong is Nkrumah's present position;
- 2) Why does Nkrumah periodically lash out at the West;
- 3) How serious are Ghana's economic and financial difficulties;
- 4) What is the strength of the opposition;
- 5) Should Nkrumah be assassinated, what element would take over; and
- 6) What would be the likely attitude of this element toward the West?

I understand that our officers at the working level have already explored this project and find it feasible, and I hope you will authorize putting it on the estimates program for immediate action.

Sincerely yours,

  
Roger Hilsman

The Honorable  
John A. McCone,  
Director of Central Intelligence,  
Washington.

